

31. The voice recognition method according to claim 19, wherein the elongation/contraction estimating process executes the elongation or contraction of spectrum on frequency axis with warping function defining the form of elongation or contraction by using estimation derived from the best likelihood estimation of HMM (hidden Markov model) in cepstrum space.--

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claim 3-4, 7 and 19-20 and new Claims 25-31 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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